

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, and 4 are independent. Claim 3 depends from claim 2.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 2, and 4 have been amended by way of this reply. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to clarify that the small protrusion and the two connector connection parts are in-line. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, in Figures 1A and 2. Further, claim 4 has been amended into independent form. No new matter has been added by the amendments.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claim 4 contains allowable subject matter. Claim 4 has been rewritten as an independent claim. Thus, claim 4 is now in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3 of the present application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,920,799 ("Low"). Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. To the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

Low discloses a square instrument housing 30 with holes 36 on the corners of the instrument housing 30, and screw plugs 39 which are disposed in the holes 36.

Claims 1 and 2 require, in part, “the tuner having two connector connection parts protruding in front and a small protrusion with a tapped hole for panel attachment disposed on an imaginary line between the connector connection parts.”

The Examiner asserts that screw plugs 39 on opposing corners could be considered the two connector connection parts (Elements A in the Figure on page 3 of the Office Action), and that one of the other screw plugs 39 could be considered the small protrusion (Elements B in the Figure on page 3 of the Office Action). However, the screw plug B is not disposed on an imaginary line between the two screw plugs A, as required by the amended claims. Thus, claims 1 and 2 are patentable over Low, at least for the above reasons. Claim 3 is dependent from claim 2. Thus, claim 3 is patentable over Low, at least for the same reasons as claim 2. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places the present application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 04995/140001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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